

British Columbia mega ski

Well, British Columbia lived up to what I was hoping for in groomed cross-country skiing in January. We had our doubts the day we arrived, but as any ONC-PDX member you adapt and keep going. We called our first base Logan Lake (4,200 ft.). We had hoped to ski on trails at the town, but just as we have had a warm winter, they did also, so there was not enough

Photos: Ken Wenzel



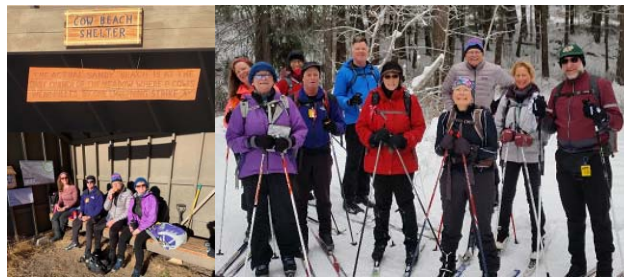
snow on the ground. We drove up the road 20 miles and skied at Overland Nordic Ski Club, Stack Lake at (4,600 ft.). It was a wonderful network of trails covering about 60 km of expertly groomed double-

track, a nice mix of easy, intermediate, and advanced trails, winding by lakes, meadows, aspen trees, and forest land, and several lookout points with lots of prints in the snow from moose, rabbits, and deer.

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New Year's trip in the Methow Valley

Perfect snow conditions and cooperative weather welcomed us in the Methow Valley. One of the two condos had been sold so we had to take rooms in a hotel. It worked and we still shared potluck dinners with way too much food left over. Sound normal? Yup. The skiing was spectacular as usual.



Sam Digard

Did you know that eight cows were killed with a single lightning strike up at cow beach? (the sign on the shelter explains). It must have been tragic for the unlucky rancher and the cows too.

Thank you, Tim Kral, for your descriptive poem (see page 3).

Sam Digard, Trip Leader

New Member Spotlight: Alexie McKee

If you asked Alexie McKee to ski with you, she might have to respond: Just which kind of skiing do you mean exactly? McKee, a new member of ONC-PDX as of last fall, enjoys a variety of skiing—backcountry, downhill, and classic. On a recent day outing, this writer was impressed to observe McKee gliding down Timberline alpine ski runs, carving graceful telemark turns! She has been skiing for about 30 years.

Maddie McNettney



McKee's first experience with ONC-PDX was when she tagged along last year on a day outing. This led her to joining "to find other people to ski with. I'm dying to ski," she recalled.

This year, she's no longer tagging along but becoming an active member. continued on page 3

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U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

Feb 4 ▶ MONDAY

Thru-Hike Basics

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Clackamas REI.
Free! Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

Feb 5 ▶ TUESDAY

Circummountaineering of Mt. Baker

ONC-PDX monthly program
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Lucky Lab,
1945 NW Quimby St.



Feb 6 ▶ WEDNESDAY

Cross-Country Skiing Basics

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Portland REI.
Free! Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

Feb 7 ▶ THURSDAY

NWAC: Avalanche Awareness

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. US Outdoor, 219 SW Broadway.
Free! Info: nwac.us/education/nwac-class-calendar

Feb 13 ▶ WEDNESDAY

NWAC: Avalanche Awareness

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Mt. Shop, 1510 NE 37th Ave.
Free! Info: nwac.us/education/nwac-class-calendar

Camino De Santiago:

A Walk across Spain

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Tualatin REI.
Free! Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

Feb 20 ▶ WEDNESDAY

Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail Basics

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Tualatin REI.
Free! Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

Preparing for the Unexpected—Outdoor Emergency Basics

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Hillsboro REI.
Free! Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

Feb 22 ▶ FRIDAY

Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Clackamas REI.
Free! Info/sign-up: rei.com/learn.html

Feb 23 ▶ SATURDAY

Social History Happy Hour: Best of Mt. Hood Museum Photography

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Presentation at 7:00 p.m. Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum, Government Camp
Best photographs in the museum's extensive collection of Mount Hood related photographs. Donations Accepted, Beer and Wine Available. Info mthoodmuseum.org

March 2 ▶ SATURDAY

Ski the Glade Museum Fundraiser

Ski the groomed Glade Trail on Mt. Hood all day, there will be a shuttle from Govy to Timberline. Limited to the first 75 skiers to sign up. Mt. Hood Ski Patrol volunteers provide patrol services. Tickets \$100 for museum members and \$125 for nonmembers (purchase by calling 503.272.3301). Fee includes, one year family membership to the Mt. Hood Museum and Cultural Center, snacks, soup lunch and a *Après Ski* Party with hor'derves and drinks at the end of the day.

Info: mthoodmuseum.org

Sponsors: Timberline Lodge, the Village of Government Camp, Oregon's Mt. Hood Territory and EcoShuttle.

Waffle Feed at Meissner

Meissner Sno-Park, Central Oregon. 10:30 a.m. till batter runs out. Ski to the Meissner Shelter for Norwegian style waffles—first come first served. Sponsored by Meissner Nordic meissnernordic.org

Clinics and Training

April TBD ▶ THUR – SUN

2019 Oregon Spring Camp Mt. Bachelor, OR

Dates are not yet set. Morning sessions on snow, groomed ski sessions, optional afternoon dryland clinics, training plan lecture, video review, optional world-class physiology lab testing ... and more!

Info: xcoregon.org/oregon-spring-camp

Oregon Nordic Club Portland Chapter

Formed as a nonprofit volunteer organization in 1968 by Nordic ski enthusiasts interested in using public lands for recreational cross-country skiing, the Portland Chapter of the Oregon Nordic Club grew to over 550 members. The Portland Chapter is one of twelve chapters in the state. With activities year round, the Portland Chapter is dedicated to promoting greater participation in and understanding of the value of outdoor recreation with an emphasis on Nordic and backcountry skiing. In addition we hike, climb, backpack and bicycle year round in the northwest forests, mountains, and in town.

Member Benefits

- ▶ Free day tours; overnight trips, exclusively for members
- ▶ Clinics and lessons
- ▶ **Discounts at selected merchants (see page 10)**
- ▶ Member rates on Mazama activities (excludes classes) and use of Mazama Lodge: day use, overnight and meals
- ▶ Free Tilly Jane A-Frame weekends during the ski season
- ▶ Meet new friends who ski, hike and bike
- ▶ Monthly newsletter with free classified ads
- ▶ Support of construction and maintenance of winter trails in the Mt. Hood and Gifford Pinchot National Forests
- ▶ Membership in Northwest Ski Club Council, Far West Ski Association and Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs. Discounts/benefits: nwski.org fwsa.org federationofwesternoutdoorclub.org

Memberships are renewed September 1 each year: \$29 for single, \$35 for family/household. Join on the website. Info: oncmembership@gmail.com

ONC-PDX BOARD SKI TRACKS

No article this month.

British Columbia mega ski continued from page 1

After skiing we were able to relax in the hot tub, sip a beer then go in for a fantastic dinner. We were served a hot breakfast every morning and our lunches were prepared for us. We took advantage of this luxury for four days. Breaking up our skiing, we visited Sovereign Lakes Nordic Club by Silver Star Mountain, another fantastic ski area and trail system with lots of variety (5,200 ft.). Our favorite meals at Highland House B&B included a grilled salmon dinner and blueberry pancake breakfast.

On the next leg of our trip we drove across the mountains and stopped at Kane Valley Cross-Country Trails—a other victim of the mild winter. It needed another foot of snow, so we continued down the road to Telemark Cross-Country Ski Club by Kelowna. It is a wonderful network of trails, with perfect grooming, and a variety of trails with great hoar frost in the trees. We then drove south to buy groceries for our condo stay by Apex Alpine. After a soak in the hot tub we enjoyed a delicious curry dinner prepared by Amie. The next two days we skied at Nickel Plate Nordic Centre (6,200 ft.). About 50 km of expertly groomed trails, lots of loops, S-turns, and hills. We even got a few inches of fresh snow on the second day. Then we had to start our migration back across the border and south on Highway 97. For one last treat we stopped at Chelan, WA and went to Echo Ridge and skied the groomed cross-country trails looking down on the clouds below as the sun set in the southwest.

Afterwards it was time to head to the motel, then home after eight days of skiing at five ski areas. We were a great group of skiers and now friends: Rommel de Leon, Linda Wilson, Amie Evans, Mary Bourret, George Middleton, and Ken Wenzel. ♦

Ken Wenzel, *President*

NWSCC online auction

The Northwest Ski Club Council's (NWSCC)

online auction will continue until February 10. NWSCC's first online auction with items of interest to skiers and snowboarders, is a fundraiser for them. Go to 32auctions.com/NWSCC to view the auction items, which include lift tickets, lodging, and gift cards! ONC-PDX is a member of NWSCC, see their website for club benefits: nwski.org then click on "Clubs" ♦

Methow Valley 2

Creaky kneed I join the other wounded or weak
skiing the easy green trails
And consider 10K a good day.
The skaters flyby like heavy breathing angels
While our tougher friends skin up and climb the
white hills
Thus earning their thrills.

The light dry small flaked snow powders my face
And frosts the tips of the firs and pines.
The bare trunked aspens glow grey and pearl in this
shadowless diffused sunlight.
A pileated woodpecker drums on a widowmaker
And the odd Raven follows our slow progress with
fading hope.

Red cheeked and pleasantly acheful we find the car
Ease off our boots with a big sigh
And head for whatever home is briefly ours this trip
Alighting on chips and red wine as a restorative
Before the healthy dinner people arrive
And glorying in the first shower.

Tim Kral

New Member Spotlight: Alexie McKee continued from page 1

She has signed up for the Crater Lake and Camp Sherman outings and "looks forward to luxurious camping in a real hotel."

A resident of Colorado for eight years prior to coming to Oregon, McKee says that she loves Rocky Mountain National Park most of all the natural wonders she has seen. While her husband doesn't ski, the two of them share a love of "glamping" in their travel trailer in state parks. Their home is in Northeast Portland. She teaches Biology and Environmental Studies at PCC. What is most appealing about skiing to her? "The quietness, the lack of sound, in a winter wonderland." ♦

Christine Bierman

Thanks for taking the bus

Thanks goes to the Oregon Nordic Club

Portland Chapter (ONC-PDX) for support of the 2019 inaugural ONC-PDX cross-country ski bus. On January 19 (28 members and 18 nonmembers) and January 26 (23 members and 28 nonmembers), 97 people took the ski bus to Teacup Nordic area.

Everything went smoothly for this inaugural trip and all the riders were appreciative of not driving. Everyone mentioned that they hoped the bus would be offered in future years. I hope that the ONC-PDX will sponsor two or three bus next year. Thanks to everyone's assistance in making this inaugural cross-country ski bus a big success. ♦

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DAY TOUR OVERVIEW RSVP

It's important that our organizer's time and effort in planning events is respected and appreciated. Respecting your RSVP also ensures that all of our members have access to our tours that may otherwise fill up. We document no shows for events and this will impact your acceptance for future events.

Tour Difficulty

It is always difficult to communicate the difficulty of a tour. (See page 5 sidebar for ratings.) These ratings are a starting point. If you are uncertain then we strongly encourage you to contact the tour lead (it is much easier to sort this out before the trip than on the trail).

What to Bring

Let's start with the *10 Essentials*. This is list of items which we recommend every participant carry (not just the tour leader). For clothing please look at: onc-pdx.org/resources/wear/ For the vast majority of our tours you need to have skis beforehand (we don't have time to stop and rent skis on the way). If you need to rent equipment please see Rentals and Retailers.

Carpooling

Lack of snow worthy vehicles is a growing issue for the club and board is reviewing options to change our policy. The ONC-PDX carpool policy is: Each passenger contributes 15 cents per mile. For three or more passengers, the maximum total contribution by all passengers is limited to 45 cents per mile.

Typical carpool cost per

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NEWS FROM TILLY JANE

Looking Ahead

We are actively planning Phase 4

project work, which includes: a new composting toilet, replacing the cabin shake wall siding, stabilizing the sleeping loft, replacing the current loft ladder access system with a real stairwell, improving the loft balcony and other smaller efforts to improve the cabin. We'll also be improving the Guard Station Garage by pouring a new foundation and replacing the failing shake roof. Phase 4 in 2019 will be another great accomplishment for cabin sustainability! We do plan to host fundraising activities, see notice on page 5. ♦

Andr  Fortin, *Tilly Jane*

NORDIC ISSUES/NEWS

Volunteer to help with Nordic Issues

Susan Watt has volunteered to help with Nordic Issues, but more volunteers are welcome. Contact Ken Wenzel.

New snow was falling in early February.

Mt. Hood NF

New webcam on tripcheck I noticed a new webcam on the tripcheck map (tripcheck.com), it is located at Meadows Dr. near the Bennett Pass Snow Park.

West Leg Road Grooming Timberline is grooming West Leg Road. Timberline has taken over the Summit ski area in Government Camp and is grooming West Leg Road (watch for downhill skiers and snowboarders if you ski this road). ♦

Susan Watt, *Nordic Issues* Pam Rigor, *Editor*

Ski pants for Deegan—Ski with the Blind

One of the blind skiers in the XC Ski with

the Blind program is in need of ski pants. He wears a 36" waist and 32 long. The school can use to lightly used ski clothes that you or your kids have outgrown. If anyone can help, please contact Adrienne Fernandez 360.947.3290. The Ski with the Blind program is organized and run by the US Forest Service and Teacup Nordic with major help from the Mountain Shop, ONC-Gorge Chapter, Hood River Ski Team, and others. To get on the volunteer list for this event contact Richard Fay at rrfay@comcast.net. ♦

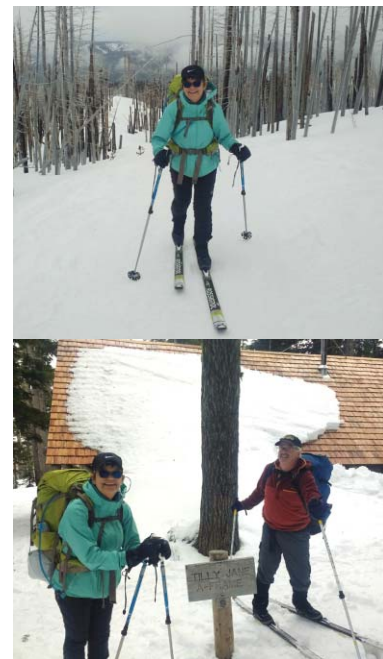
Tilly Jane Guard Station

We skinned up Saturday morning

under calm skies and a fine layer of residual snow over a frozen base. The A-Frame was full of snowshoers, and we passed another group with dogs, sledding in the amphitheater. We also talked to a group of snowshoers, students from PSU, turning around at Tilly Jane on their first trip. This was an ideal opportunity for Gorge Chapter member Kevin McGillivray to share his memories of getting involved with Tilly Jane after his first visit to the area, also as a PSU student, 40 some years ago.

I borrowed MLK's famous speech, altering it a bit, to belt out, "Here at last, here at last!" as I finished skinning the last few strides up Huckleberry Hill. The Guard Station was in good shape, and after we had opened it, started a fire, and put on the tea kettle, Kevin, Johanna Lovell, and I were joined by Steve and Ann Crothers from Hillsboro. Johanna, Kevin, and Steve took turns, precariously dipping and carrying water from Tilly Jane Creek at the bottom of about six feet of snow. Kevin used his time-tested method of double filtering the water with paper towel, along with carrying out several, minor maintenance tasks. My job was keeping the wood burning stove going. The indoor temp rose from 33 degrees to nearly 50, while outside it sank, bringing us a welcome snowstorm Sunday morning. It snowed nearly all day, with temps in the low 30s. Steve and Ann skied above tree line on their AT skis, and returned, delighted with the fresh snow and calm winds. As we skied out of the burn area under the rising blood moon glowing between snow-laden clouds, with about 10 inches of new snow. A robust challenge for me with my new skins, and skinning up two miles to a snug cabin, with lively company, and dreamy snow as my rewards. ♦

Christine Bierman



Photos: Johanna Lovell

DAY TOURS

Note: if weather or road conditions are dangerous, please contact the tour leader.

More tours may be listed here:

- ◆ onc-pdx.org/activities/day-tours
- ◆ onc-pdx.org/forums
- ◆ meetup.com/Oregon-Nordic-Ski-Club-Portland-Chapter

Note: dogs are only allowed on tours designated as “dog tours”

Feb 6, Wed, Intermediate Ski Mt. St. Helens, WA

Come join us for a Wednesday ski tour. The route will depend on snow conditions; we'll ski where the snow is good: Swift Creek. June Lake to Swift Creek or Sasquatch Loops. If there is not enough snow, we'll ski at Mt. Hood. Meet at Salmon Creek Park and Ride, WA, off the 134th exit on I-205 or the 139th St. exit off of I-5. to carpool. **For more info, to RSVP, and meeting time contact the leader: Russ Pasco 360.901.3411 russ.bec@gmail.com.**

Note: an email is sent out on Sundays before the Wednesday tours; to be added to this Wednesday ski tour email list please send your email to Terry.

Feb 13, Wed, Intermediate Ski Location TBD

Come join us for a Wednesday ski tour. The trail will depend on snow conditions; we'll ski where the snow is good. Meet at McMenamins Edgefield's

Mt. Hood Express Bus

A group of four skiers rode the Mt. Hood

Express Bus from the west edge of Sandy, OR to Timberline on January 4. Our goal was to take advantage of new snow and mild temperatures to ski the West Leg Road to Government Camp. Due to hordes of alpine skier darting everywhere at once and misconstrued directions from a kindly ski patrol person, our group got sidetracked. Most of us gamely skied a few alpine slopes until we met up with John Heaton on the road that we had meant to ski. John became our honorary co-leader at that point, patiently, and correctly guiding us down. (It is tricky to find the road from the top)

Our now group of five skiers skied at Summit after lunch, and squeezed in one additional run the full length of West Leg Road before turning our ski tips toward home. Please note that we learned Timberline has taken over Summit, and will groom the road all season. Bus info: mthoodexpress.com ◆

Christine Bierman

West parking lot at 8:50 a.m. to carpool leaving at 9:00 a.m. **For more info, and to RSVP contact the leader: Laurel Dickie 503.415.1922 laureldickie@hotmail.com.**

Feb 20, Wed, Intermediate Ski Location TBD **Leader Needed**

Come join us for a Wednesday ski tour. The trail will depend on snow conditions; we'll ski where the snow is good. Meet at McMenamins Edgefield's West parking lot at 8:50 a.m. to carpool leaving at 9:00 a.m. **For more info, and to volunteer to contact: Terry Owen 503.590.5825 terryowen1@gmail.com.**

Feb 27, Wed, Intermediate Ski Location TBD

Come join us for a Wednesday ski tour. The trail will depend on snow conditions; we'll ski where the snow is good. Meet at McMenamins Edgefield's West parking lot at 8:50 a.m. to carpool leaving at 9:00 a.m. **For more info, and to RSVP contact the leader: Mary Hepokoski 503.245.1618 hepomp8@comcast.net** ◆

Common meeting places: Gateway Transit Center parking structure, NE 99th Ave. north of NE Pacific Ave. Parkrose/Sumner Transit Center, NE Sandy Blvd. & NE 96th Ave. McMenamins Edgefield, 2126 SW Halsey, take I-84 to Exit 16 (Wood Village) turn right, go to Halsey (1st stop light) turn left, go 1/2 mile, it's on the right.

Fundraiser for Tilly Jane

Andrè will do another fundraiser March 20, 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m., at Lagunitas community room. Raffle items are needed. The Oregon Field Guide episode will be aired. Many Tilly Jane swag items will be on sale. More info will be in the next newsletter or contact Andrè. ◆

Recap of Skiing in January

ONC-PDX members went on a number of private ski tours in January as noted in the ONC-PDX forum posts under “Trail Conditions.”

On January 1 Laurel Dickie and a friend skied Mud Creek Loop in the Trillium Basin at Mt. Hood, while Susan Watt made a trip to the south side of Mt. St. Helen, skiing up the Swift Creek Trail. Russ Pascoe went to St. Helens the next day, commenting that, “Snowpack is very low for this time of year, but conditions for us could not have been better. No crust, 4 inches soft day old snow on the loops.” He

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person for Mt. Hood is \$18 for Government camp to \$25 to Teacup (via Hood River). Please respect this policy by paying your drivers prior to their prompting.

Dogs

Dogs are only allowed on a few ONC-PDX trips. If you don't see dogs allowed on the trip write-up then please don't bring your dog (you will not be allowed to ski with the group).

FS Dog Policy

Dogs must be on a leash in all sno-parks (Forest Service regulation). Please keep dogs off ski tracks and pack out dog waste.

TOUR/TRIP RATINGS

All ONC-PDX tours/trips are rated as either Novice, Easy, Intermediate, or Advanced. These terms are an approximate guide to the skill and commitment required for the tour/trip. Use the rating guide to select the right tour/trip for your ability and inclination. Please do not attempt a tour/trip that is beyond your ability; you could endanger yourself or others in your party.

Novice Ski

2–5 miles slow-paced day tours over gentle terrain. These tours are for beginning cross-country skiers with a little prior skiing experience (the ability to do a reasonable shuffle on skis). Leaders will not teach skiers how to ski, but will help them as much as possible.

Easy

Ski: 4–6 miles over gentle terrain at a pace comfortable for all participants.

Bike: Mostly flat terrain, 8–10 m.p.h. pace, frequent regrouping.

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Hike: < 8 miles; 200 ft. per mile elevation gain.

Backpack: < 5 miles/day; 200 ft. per mile elevation gain.

Intermediate

Ski: 6–12 miles.

Terrain flat to long hills that are no steeper than found on a road

(maximum 10 degrees).

Moderate pace. Trail

turning skills required, if there are hills.

Consult tour/trip

description for specifics.

Bike: Moderate terrain with rolling hill (some short steep hills); 10–14 m.p.h. pace, regrouping when appropriate.

Hike: 8–10 miles; 200 to 400 ft. per mile elev. gain.

Backpack: 5–7 miles per day; 200 to 400 ft. per mile elevation gain.

Advanced Tour

Ski: > 12 miles; terrain flat to steep hills (> 10 degrees); moderate to fast pace.; strong turning skills required on the tours with steeper slopes.

Bike: Difficult terrain with one or more major hills/series of longer, steeper hills; 15–18 m.p.h. pace, regrouping when necessary.

Hike: > 10 miles; 400 ft. per mile elevation gain; steady pace and/or difficult terrain (a workout).

Backpack: > 7 miles/day; 400–600 ft./mile elevation gain.

TOUR ESSENTIALS

Pack these essentials on any ONC-PDX activity, “just in case.” Remember that cotton offers no insulation when wet.; choose wool or synthetics for warmth and comfort.

Skiing & Hiking Essentials

■ First aid kit ■ Matches
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

To volunteer, please contact board or committee members. (see sidebar p. 2–3).

Leadership Training Help us increase the number of day tour and overnight trip leaders.

Publicity/Articles Are you a writer, help with articles on cross-country skiing.

Membership Help increase membership. Connect with new members and various membership service tasks.

Day Tours Lead ski tours. Contact the day tours committee and help build the day tours schedule.

Trail Tending Work on the winter trails.

Tilly Jane Help with the A-Frame and/or Guard Station Cabins. Info: reservations@tillyjanecabins.org

Board Member Some seats open every year in March. This is a great way to get involved in the club.

Facebook Help post to the ONC-PDX Facebook page. How we can make the page more fun? ♦

Recap of Skiing in January continued from page 5 was referring to the Sasquatch Loop.

On January 7 at Mt. Hood, Michael Hortsch did the Twin Lakes Loop from Barlow Sno-Park. He reported, “Ideal conditions today with three to six inches new snow and temps below 30. Only had a twosome today but saw several ONC-PDX members.” The same day Richard Crimi and a friend skied the Snow Bunny/East Leg Tie Trails on six to eight inches of untouched powder.

The Wednesday group of skiers, who schedule regular official ONC-PDX ski tours went to Teacup on January 9, in spite of a forecast of rain. Led by Mary Hepokoski they skied well groomed trails and the only precipitation being the dripping from trees.

On January 12, Ted Scheinman made a trip to the Wind River area in Washington, where they found a light icy crust, which warmed up later in the day making it a great day of skiing without the crowds.

Back at Mt. Hood on Wednesday January 23, Laurel led a ski group back to Teacup, but nearly got blown away by the wind gusts. They backtracked to the Trillium Basin and endured the light rain, without the strong winds. She remarked, “Despite the weather, it wasn’t too bad a day, really.”

The rain, snow, or wind did not keep people from skiing. We just need more leaders to plan ahead and put on more scheduled ONC-PDX ski tours for members and potential members on our meet-up group—currently 2,110 people. ♦

Pam Rigor, Editor

Marc Leon May 18, 1941 – November 23, 2018

Long time ONC-PDX member Marc Leon

passed away on November 23, 2018. Marc was eager to become a volunteer leader for ONC-PDX

Photo taken by Marc's snow camping partner



not long after joining the club in February 2008. When he submitted two back-packs—one to Pamela

Lake/ Shale Lake near Mt. Jefferson in the Oregon Central Cascades and one to the White Pass area in Washington—to the newsletter that summer, I suggested doing an article about him as a way of introducing him to club members. From that article he explained his motivation, “Now that I am retired I would like to give others the joy of enjoying the outdoors as much as I do. I realize that some people would rather have someone doing the leading and watching out for them on hazards that may be hidden and I am also trying to introduce keeping the wilderness pristine, trails intact, campgrounds clean, and any other issues that keep people away from the outdoors. I have seen some pretty sloppy hikers and backpackers in my day. This is why I have decided to volunteer to lead some day hikes and overnight backpacking trips. But I want to do more of the challenging kind of trips than just the ordinary mundane type of trips that are normally lead not that I would not be interesting in leading some of the mundane trips.” In addition to backpacks, Leon led hikes, ski tours, snowshoe tours. He also worked on the winter trails on our trail tending parties. For the annual ONC-PDX Ski Fair that I used organize, he was always willing to lend a hand setting it up, taking it down, or helping with the used equipment sale. Marc Leon will be missed, by all the members who enjoyed his company on ski tours, overnight trips, and other club activities. His obituary was in the January 13, Oregonian. Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Cancer Society or St. Jude Children Research Hospital. ♦

Pam Rigor, Editor

OVERNIGHT TRIPS

SIGN-UP TIPS

- ◆ Overnight trips are exclusively for members; join or renew your membership (online under "Membership") before signing up.
- ◆ Contact the leader with any questions you have. Do my skills fit the trip? Any special requirements or gear? Travel time?
- ◆ Read the overnight trip policies (see side-bar page 7)!
- ◆ Sign-up online
- ◆ Sign up early so we'll have enough people to cover trip costs.
- ◆ If the trip is full, join the wait list, call the trip leader for info. Last minute openings do occur!
- ◆ Purchase trip insurance. You are responsible for finding someone to take your place, if you cancel. Check onc-pdx.org/resources/trip-insurance

Note: Paper ONC-PDX overnight trip applications (available on the website) can be used to sign up, contact the trip leader for where to send them.

Feb 6–10, Wed–Sun, Intermediate/Advanced Ski McCully Alpine Hut in the Wallowas, Eagle Cap Wilderness, OR

Trip full, wait list open*

Backcountry skiing with an alpine flavor Oregon style! A three-night stay at McCully Alpine Hut exploring varied alpine terrain within the Eagle Cap Wilderness Area in the Wallowas in Eastern Oregon awaits us.

At McCully Basin (Base Camp elevation 7,500 ft.) the ski terrain offers a wide variety for the backcountry skier, from low-angled gladed meadows to broad moderate north-facing alpine bowls surrounded by non-technical summits. (See website for full trip description.)

Trip Limit: 12 participants, includes co-leaders.

Cost: \$355/member, per person. Not included: carpooling, not-included meals, etc.

For more info contact the trip co-leaders: David Bath 503.819.8551 dbath4@gmail.com and Kate McPherson 306.609.1453 k8tmcp@gmail.com

Feb 8–10, Fri–Sun, All Ability Ski Shelter Cove Resort at Odell Lake—Trip 2 Willamette Pass, OR

Trip full, wait list open*

Odell Lake is situated at 4,800 feet just over the top of Willamette Pass east of Eugene on Hwy. 58. We will stay at Shelter Cover Resort, in Kokanee Lodge.

See website for full trip description.

Trip limit: 10 participants, includes leader.

Cost: \$90/member, per person. Includes lodging.

For more info contact the trip leader: Ted Scheinman 503.452.7432 tedskier@gmail.com

Feb 10–14, Sun–Thur, All Ability Ski Methow Valley, Winthrop, WA—Trip 2

Trip full, wait list open*

There is no place like the Methow Valley in North Central Washington for endless skiing in perfect conditions. (See website for full trip description.)

Trip limit: 12 people (3 couples, 6 singles).

Cost: \$205/member, per person. Includes four nights' lodging. Not included: required trail passes; \$24/day, \$60/3-days

For more info contact the trip leader: Elke Schoen elkeschoen@msn.com 503.239.9286

Feb 14–17, Thur–Sun, Intermediate Ski Ochoco Ranger Cabin, Ochoco National Forest, OR—Trip 2

Trip full, wait list open*

We'll ski in small groups in beautiful Ponderosa Pine country away from the crowds. (See website for full trip description.)

Trip limit: 7 participants total (two queen beds, three twins).

Cost: \$55/member, per person. Includes lodging.

For more info contact the trip leader: Steve Planchon, 503.467.8699 scplanchon@gmail.com

Feb 15–19, Fri–Tue, All Ability Ski Sunriver President's Day Weekend (Tuesday bonus stay over), OR

Trip full, wait list open*

Come to Sunriver to enjoy a long weekend in the sunny and snowy Central Cascades in mid-February! (See website for full trip description.)

Trip limit: 10 participants (includes trip leader).

Cost: \$190/member, per person. Includes four nights' lodging.

For more info contact the trip leader: Richard Crimi, 503.726.8998 richard_crimi@hotmail.com

Feb 22–24, Fri–Sun, Easy Ski Sunriver Groomed Trail Skiing, OR

Trip full, wait list open*

Relax and enjoy two easy days of skiing on groomed trails, and evenings filled with good food, games and conversation. (See website for full trip description.)

Trip limit: 8 participants, includes leader.

Cost: \$150/member, per person. Includes two nights' lodging.

For more info contact the trip leader: Debby Wenzel 503.422.1524 (cell), 503.297.2958 (hm) debbyras@msn.com

Feb 28–Mar 4, Thur–Mon, All Ability Ski Wallowa Mountains, Joseph, OR

Trip full, wait list open*

Come spend four days skiing eastern Oregon's Wallowa Mountains, where the mountains are steep and the snow is dry! We'll stay in one large house near Joseph. There are opportunities for all levels of skiing in the area, however there are no groomed trails. There are easy to intermediate trails at Salt Creek Summit and McCully Creek Trail from McCully Basin to explore. (See website for full trip description.)

Trip limit: 12 participants, includes leader.

Cost: \$210/member, per person. Includes four nights'

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cont. from sidebar page 6 (in waterproof case) and fire starter ■ Rain gear and extra clothes, including a warm sweater ■ Extra food and water ■ Plastic whistle ■ Map and compass (know how to use) ■ Flashlight, extra batteries and bulb ■ Space blanket or bivvy bag ■ Pocket knife ■ Toilet paper and trowel (ziplock bag to carry out toilet paper) ■ Sunglasses, lip balm and sun screen ■ Foam sit pad

Biking Essentials

- Helmet (required on all bike rides) ■ Spare tube
- Patch kit ■ Tire pump ■ Water bottle (filled) ■ Tire irons

OVERNIGHT TRIP POLICIES

Trip Participation

1. Only Oregon Nordic Club members may participate on ONC-PDX overnight trips, even if it is a trip for which no money is collected. Non-members may join the club when signing up for an overnight trip. The membership fee can be paid at that time. The only exceptions are overnight trail tending work parties and Tilly Jane Club project weekends, which are open to non-member volunteers.

2. Overnight trip sign-ups are done *online* at the club website: onc-pdx.org/activities then click on "Overnight Trips." The website will begin accepting applications on a day and at a time specified by the ONC-PDX Board of Directors, with registration usually occurring during the week following the October general meeting. Once accepted, the trip applicants will receive a confirmation email. To complete the sign-up process, the member must email a completed an Overnight Trip Application (onc-pdx.org continued on sidebar on p. 8)

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pdx.org then click on "Members Only" then on "Forms") to the trip leader, including their signed waiver and release of liability as required by the club. 3. If a trip appears to be full during the registration process, applicants should contact the trip leader directly to: (i) confirm that the trip is actually full; and (ii) if full, to be placed on the trip wait list as cancellations are relatively common.

4. Trip leaders have the authority to not accept a trip participant application if the applicant does not appear to have the appropriate level of skiing ability for the trip; or (ii) bed availability does not match the participant's circumstances, e.g., the applicant will be traveling alone, does not want to share a bed, and only one double bed remains available, which is better suited for another couple that has applied for the trip. 5. Trip leaders, after consulting with the ONC-PDX Board and Overnight Trip Committee (OTC), may also deny a trip application based on an applicant's behavior on previous ONC-PDX trips.

Wait list procedures

1. To be placed on a trip wait list, applicants must submit a completed trip application to the designated trip leader, along with a check for the full amount of the trip fee. If space becomes available, wait list participants may then choose to fill the space or decline.

2. Wait list checks will not be cashed until the wait list applicant has

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lodging.

For more info contact the leader: Susan Watt 503.201.3977 susniam@gmail.com

Mar 1-3, Fri-Sun, All Ability Ski and Snowshoe Crater Lake Classic via charter bus, Crater Lake, OR Trip full, wait list open*

The Classic Crater Lake ski trip is back! The Crater Lake rim, at 7,000 feet, averages 44 feet of snow a year. Join the ONC-PDX for the traditional trip to Crater Lake.



Bob Breivogel

We'll board the deluxe coach in Portland at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 1 and proceed down I-5 while sharing in the world famous "Rolling Pot-Luck." The next morning after a hearty gourmet breakfast at the Prospect Historic Hotel B&B Inn, we take a quick ride to the rim and spend the day enjoying the spectacular snow formations and views of the lake and surrounding mountains while skiing as far as our legs can carry us. We will separate into groups based on abilities and endurance. A gourmet dinner will be provided on Saturday night at Inn, Sunday will be another day of different trails, different tours, and more exploring. We'll stop for a special dinner on the way back, arriving back in Portland about 10:00 p.m.

There are two options for accommodations: \$300/person for the Prospect Historic Hotel B&B Inn (one double or queen bed in each room for two people); or \$275/person in the adjacent Motel building (rooms with two or three beds per room).

Contact leader for accommodation options before signing up.

Trip limit: 45 participants include leader.

Cost: \$275-\$300/member, per person depending on lodging choice and availability. Includes all bus transportation, two breakfasts, a gourmet dinner, and a dinner on the way home.

For more info contact the trip leader: Ted Scheinman 503.452.7432 tedskier@gmail.com

Mar 1-3, Fri-Sun, Inter. Backcountry Ski/Telemark Tilly Jane A-Frame Cabin—Club Weekend, Mt. Hood, OR Spaces available*

This trip also available April 5-7.

We'll backcountry ski to the ONC-PDX managed shelter on the Northeast side of Mt. Hood, a three-mile ski with a 1,900-foot gain up the Tilly Jane Ski Trail to the cabin at 5,700 feet elevation. Participants carry their own gear,



including sleeping bags, pad, and food for all meals. We have a wood stove for cooking meals or heating water. Participants can also bring their own stove and cooking pots. Experienced intermediate skiing skills with turning ability, good physical condition and navigation/route finding skills using map, compass, or GPS required. Climbing skins are required, too.

Trip limit: 15 (max.) participants. Open to all ONC-PDX members and Tilly Jane (TJ) cabin volunteers.

Cost: Free (another club benefit). You must be an ONC-PDX member or TJ volunteer before signing up for this trip.

For more info contact: reservations@tillyjanecabins.org. We'll forward your request to the appropriate trip leader. Leaders TBD.

Mar 9-14, Sat-Thur, All Ability Ski Methow Valley, Winthrop, WA—Trip 3 One space available*

ONC-PDX skiers return to the Methow Valley over and over again for a simple reason, the snow conditions and trail quality rarely disappoint. The Methow Valley Association grooms over 200 km of trails through the 2,000 ft. valley floor and into the adjacent hills and mountains, with some trails reaching the 4,000 ft. level.



Karen Suher

With longer days and warmer temperatures, the March trip to the Methow is not to be missed.

We will travel to Winthrop Washington on Saturday, meeting at our two side-by-side luxury condos for a casual evening planning session for the upcoming days. Participants are responsible for their own dinner the first night, as well as breakfasts and lunches during our stay. Dinners the following 4 nights will be potluck, prepared in fully equipped kitchens.

If you have wanted to learn or brush up on your skate skiing skills, lessons and ski rentals are available in Winthrop and Mazama. And, if you are inclined, there is an ice skate rink in town.

Trip limit: 12 participants, includes leader and leader's partner.

Cost: \$235/member, per person. Includes five nights' lodging; trail passes are \$24/day, \$60/3-days.

For more info contact the trip leader: Shannon Planchon 503.467.8599 shannon.planchon@gmail.com

Mar 10-13, Sun-Wed, Intermediate Ski Ochoco Ranger Cabin, Ochoco National Forest, OR—Trip 3 Trip full, wait list open*

Small group classic skiing in Big Pine Country!

We will drive over on Thursday hoping to arrive in time for an evening ski before dinner. We will ski the Walton Lake and Bandit Springs Forest Service trails. The last few

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years ONC-PDX skiers have seen wild horses by Walton Lake and by the cabin.

If snow is lacking we will do some hikes in the local area and over at the Painted Hills in the John Day Fossil beds. There are always fun things do in that part of the State. Participants are responsible for their own breakfasts and lunches. Dinners will be potluck. I'm looking forward to skiing in the big pines again after 30 years!

Trip limit: 7 participants total (two queen beds, three twins).

Cost: \$55/member, per person. Includes lodging.

For more info contact the trip leader: Laurel Dickie 503.415.1922 laureldickie@hotmail.com

Mar 15–17, Fri–Sun, Advanced Intermediate Backcountry Ski

Sisters Hut to Hut Trip, Three Sisters Wilderness, OR Trip full, wait list open*

This is a 22-mile hut-to-hut tour from Dutchman Flat near Mt. Bachelor to Three Creeks Sno-Park near Sisters. (See website for full trip description.)

Trip limit: 8 participants, includes leader.

Cost: \$310/member, per person. Includes a shuttle, two nights in huts, food for two days and two nights with beer included!

For more info contact the leader: Susan Watt 503.201.3977 susniam@gmail.com

Mar 15–17, Fri–Sun, Inter. Backcountry Ski Tilly Jane Guard Station, Mt. Hood, OR

Trip full, wait list open*

This trip also available this weekend: April 12–14.

We'll backcountry ski to the ONC-PDX managed cabin on the Northeast side of Mt. Hood, a three mile ski with a 1,900-foot gain up the Tilly Jane Ski Trail to the cabin at 5,700 feet elevation. Participants carry their own gear, including sleeping bags, pad, and food for all meals. We have a stove for cooking meals and heating water. Participants can carry their own cooking pots although there are some at the cabin. Experienced intermediate skiing skills with turning ability, good physical condition and navigation/route finding skills using map, compass or GPS are required. Climbing skins are required, too.

Trip limit: 4 participants (max.), Open to ONC members with preference given to Tilly Jane (TJ) volunteers.

Cost: Free (another club benefit). You must be an ONC-PDX member, or TJ volunteer to sign up for this trip.

For more info contact: reservations@tillyjanecabins.org. We'll forward your request to the appropriate trip leader. Leaders TBD.

Mar 15–18, Fri–Mon, All Ability Ski Lake Creek Lodge, Camp Sherman, OR Five spaces available*

Halfway between Santiam Pass and Sisters, the very popular Lake Creek Lodge in the Deschutes National Forest boasts quaint, rustic cabins paneled in knotty pine, fireplaces,



Dean K.

Pam Rigor



full kitchens, a creek coursing thru the grounds, and the ideal ambience for a xc ski holiday. Check it out online: lakecreeklodge.com.

We'll carpool over on Friday, have a traditional ONC-PDX potluck dinner on Saturday, Sunday we can do creative leftovers or dine at the Lodge.

Ski options are many - Santiam Pass, Mt. Bachelor area, Maxwell Sno-Park, Tam MacArthur Rim, and if we're lucky at 3,000 ft. elevation, right out the door of our cabins. Separate rooms for couples/genders. Lodging is two cabins with 3 Queens, 6 twin beds.

Trip limit: 12 participants, includes leader.

Cost: \$220/member, per person. Includes three nights' lodging.

For more info contact the leader: Greg Wenneson 503.460.7231 gregwenn@sonic.net

Mar 21–31, Thur–Sun, Intermediate/Advanced (hut-to-hut) Ski

Norway Dream Ski Trip, Jotenheimen National Park, Norway

Trip full, wait list open*

This year, we will ski in the Jotenheimen National Park – the name is translated as the Home of the Giants! This popular area contains the highest mountains in Norway and is the perfect destination for a rigorous hut-to-hut ski trip. (See website for full trip description.)

Trip limit: 15 participants, includes leader.

Cost: \$2495/member, per person (estimated). Includes round-trip airfare from Portland to Oslo, nine nights' lodging, all meals except during travel, and the last dinner in Oslo.

Make a deposit of \$1,000. The final payment of \$1,495 is due on December 15, 2018, to secure the special group airfare.

For more info contact the leader: Ted Scheinman 503.452.7432 tedskier@gmail.com

Mar 22–24, Fri–Sun, Intermediate/Advanced Ski John Craig Memorial Ski Tour, Black Butte, OR Three spaces available*

The Annual John Craig Nordic Ski Tour will be held on March 23 on the McKenzie Pass Highway in Sisters Oregon. People from all over the state participate in this



fun, non-competitive event. The tour is an out and back on a gentle forest road through the beautiful Deschutes National Forest. In good weather an average skier can reach De

Wright Observatory in about three hours and Windy Point in two, and the return trip takes about half the amount of time they took to climb. Sunday ski tour options include Santiam Pass, Hoodoo ski

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been moved from the wait list to the active trip roster. The check will be destroyed when the trip leader determines that a cancellation is unlikely or upon the request of the wait list applicant. Wait list applicants will be notified when the check is destroyed.

Trip Cancellation Policy

1. Trip fees and deposits are non-refundable, unless the trip leader is able to make a reasonable substitution for the canceling participants.
2. Participants needing to cancel a trip should contact the trip leader immediately so that wait-listed applicants can be considered for placement on the trip roster.
3. If a wait list exists, the trip leader will determine whether wait-listed applicants can be reasonably substituted for the canceling participant(s). If a wait list does not exist, and sufficient time is available, the trip leader will advertise the trip availability through reasonable means available to the trip leader, typically through the web forum and club newsletter.
4. If the leader is able to make a reasonable substitution for the canceling participant, the canceling participant will receive a refund of amounts paid, minus: (i) \$10 for each participant associated with the cancellation; and (ii) 3% of the amount paid. All communications regarding trip cancellations and associated refund requests are to be directed to the trip leader, who will coordinate with other club members, as

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needed, to ensure the proper handling of the cancellation notice and refund request. 5. If the club cancels the trip, the full amount paid will be refunded. Trip cancellations are decided by the OTC. Travel Insurance. To avoid the loss of trip fees or deposits, the club strongly recommends that trip participants purchase travel insurance, which is available from a variety of providers. Please see (onc-pdx.org/resources/trip-insurance) for the current listing of some trip insurance companies.

Policy and Procedure Waivers
The Board reserves the right to waive any overnight trip policy or procedure when in the best interest of the club to do so. ♦

ONC-PDX MEMBER BENEFITS

Columbia Sportswear 911 SW Broadway (flagship store) and 7000 NE Airport Drive, Suite T2572 (airport location)—15% discount on purchases. Special week (November 1–11) of 30% discounts. Current membership card required. columbia.com

Mountain Hardware 722 SW Taylor Street—15% discount on purchases. Special week (November 1–11) of 30% discounts. Current membership card required. mountainhardware.com

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area (fee), or Three Creeks.

Carpools will be encouraged. Breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday plus Friday dinner will be potlucks. A pizza dinner at the Best Western Ponderosa Lodge in Sisters, is held in conjunction with the presentation of the John Day Trophy for ONC excellence in leadership.

Trip Limit: 8 participants, include leader.

Cost: \$135/member, per person. Includes lodging and the pizza dinner on Saturday night.

For more info contact the leader: Mary Bourret 503.201.3940 marylbouret@gmail.com

Apr 5–7, Fri–Sun, Inter. Backcountry Ski/Tele Tilly Jane A-Frame Cabin—Club Weekend, Mt. Hood, OR

Spaces available*

We'll backcountry ski to the ONC-PDX managed shelter on the Northeast side of Mt. Hood, a three-mile ski with a 1,900-foot gain up the Tilly Jane Ski Trail to the cabin at 5,700 feet elevation. Participants carry their own gear, including sleeping bags, pad, and food for all meals.

We have a wood stove for cooking meals or heating water. Participants can also bring their own stove and cooking pots. Experienced intermediate skiing skills with turning ability, good physical condition and navigation/route finding skills using map, compass, or GPS required. Climbing skins are required, too.

Trip limit: 15 (max.) participants. Open to all ONC-PDX members and Tilly Jane (TJ) cabin volunteers.

Cost: Free (another club benefit). You must be an ONC-PDX member or TJ volunteer before signing up for this trip.

For more info contact: reservations@tillyjanecabins.org. We'll forward your request to the appropriate trip leader. Leaders TBD.

**Apr 12–14, Fri–Sun, Inter. Backcountry Ski Tilly Jane Guard Station, Mt. Hood, OR
Trip full, wait list open***

(See Mar 15–27 Tilly Jane Guard Station description) ♦

***Check website/contact leader for trip updates**

Welcome new members! Janis Allen, Mac Casares, Tracy McFarlane, and Judith McFarlane, Jessica Cavas, Kathlee Doty, Erik Ensrud, Tim, Winter, and Farley, Shawn Fowler, Kristin Stankeiwicz, and Shawn Garrett Fowler, William, Reyna, Presley, and Isabella Goodhue, Filip, Alexandra, and Tea Hanik, Janet and Paul Hruska, Laurie Iris Lerner, Sarah Jones, Alison Kean, Jan and Jon Lee, Esther Nelson Gavin Orleans, Chris Pirson, Cathryn Poff, Isaac, Claire, and Isaac Regenstreif, Mike and Jeanne Ryan, Alice Sufka, Alan Vick, Robert Williams, Hugh, Carolyn, and Sarah Woltzen

Welcome back: Alan and Danny Cordle Villegas, Dean Kokko, Pat Martinez, Meagan Wells-Clark, and Rommel de Leon

January membership report: 326 total memberships (221 single and 105 family), includes 24 new and 5 renewing memberships. Last year at this time there were 255 memberships.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of ONC-PDX December 18 ONC-PDX Board Meeting at the MMC (draft)

Board Members Present: Ken Wenzel, Mary Bouret, Ted Scheinman, Bill Neuman, and Laurel Dickie.

Board Members Absent: Tim Kral

November 2018 minutes approved.

Membership: Membership cards have been mailed. It was an arduous process because the data was arranged in an awkward way. ■ At the Website Meeting in January this process will be discussed. We need to look into email capacity from our website and not gmail accounts. ■ The event at Next Adventure was attended by 40 people, two-thirds of the folks were ONC-PDX members. Half of those had never been to the store. Three presentations at REI and one at Mountain Shop. Meadows is expanding their parking lot into the Nordic area but will have the same amount of trails in another area. Ted looking into snacks for the January bus trip. **Completed action item:** Ted received the Excel spreadsheet which is the membership list. **Awaiting action:** Tim will contact Webmaster about "contact us" status.

Treasurer's Report: Tilly Jane income is ~\$110k. This will be earmarked for the pit toilet. Overall we're in good shape. The concern is membership dues are down 25%. Next year the dues for State level will increase because they don't have enough in their checking account to cover insurance. Perhaps include a larger fudge factor into the cost of overnight trips. ■ Ken found out the Forest Service requires a \$5000 CD for insurance purposes on the Tilly Jane Guard Station. This transfer is in the works.

Nordic Issues: Meadows is expanding their parking lot into the Nordic area, but will have the same amount of trails in another area. ■ A trail tending meeting with Mt. Hood National Forest is on January 9 and will attend with Susan

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Watt, who has offered to help with Nordic Issues.

Overnight Tours: Summit Meadows trip is not filled and weather doesn't look good for that time period. Several years ago it was decided to offer more trips even if they're small. Mary B. was thinking we should advertise some trips as snowshoe trips if they lend themselves to such a situation. Maybe have a trip to Tilly Jane as a snowshoe only. Ken mentioned other clubs offer day snowshoe trips but Mary counters we can be the only one offering overnight trips. What ONC member would be willing to lead? Perhaps do a post to open the trip to snowshoers.

Action item: Mary B will ask Mary H whether she wants to offer the snowshoe option.

President's report: Ken made a mock-up of an award for the Lloyd brothers. ■ The Forest Service has an 18 mo. policy for responding to projects. This might push out TJ projects for 2019. A snafu in the database goofed up the reservation system for TJ.

Carla Rolston of Mazamas was asking for volunteers to help. Ken will speak at their monthly meeting, taking the brochure and January bus flyer.

Action item: Ted letter for free Mazama membership for taking lessons.

Club Promotion: Mary B will ask other chapters if they want to purchase stickers if we decide to order 1000. We need more swag. It's difficult to gauge sizes for t-shirts. Ken will order the stickers. We've chosen the black oval with green printing.

Elections: We need to continue to think of board member elections.

Action item: ask Donella and Greg Graham to be on election committee.

Next Board meeting: February 26, 1:00 p.m. at MMC

◆ Laurel Dickie, Secretary

The Mountain Shop 1510 NE 37th Ave., 10% discount (15% discount for leaders) on purchases and 15% discount on rentals.

mountainshop.net

Next Adventure

426 SE Grand Ave., 15% discount at Next Adventure for ONC-PDX members, current club membership card required.

nextadventure.net

Oregon Mountain Community

2975 NE Sandy, ONC-PDX members— subscribe to OMC e-newsletter and

received the following discounts: 15% discount on purchase price. omcgear.com

Otto's Ski &

Bike Shop 38716 Pioneer Blvd. in Sandy, offers a 10% discount on purchases of ski equipment and apparel. Cross-country ski package rentals for the entire season. ottoskishop.com

Wy'East Nordic

offers ONC-PDX members a 10% discount on cross-country ski and telemark lessons. wyeastnordic.com

Jupiter Hotel

PDX and Hood River Hotel in Hood River give ONC-PDX members a 15% off online booking.

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED: ► NNN touring ski bindings If the bindings are on old, broken or trashed skis that is fine, I'll remove them from the skis. **FREE: ► Skis Kazama** 180 cm older skis made in Japan, NNN-BC bindings. Terry terryowen1@gmail.com 4/19

FOR SALE: ► Ski bindings Rottefella BC-Magnum Bindings Used only a few times. Had to swap out for Soloman bindings. \$30 Terry terryedelstein2@gmail.com 4/19

FOR SALE: ► Skis Rossignol BC 90 159 cm skis with Rotafella NNN-BC bindings. Appropriate for a smaller/lighter skier. Versatile ski; slightly wider than a classic Nordic ski with some side cut which helps turning. I have skied everything from groomed to backcountry on them. These skis are used and have the normal amount of wear and tear. \$100 Susan susniam@gmail.com 4/19

FREE: ► Ski Boots Men's Fischer SNS Profil boots, size 8.5/9.0, adv. Beg. to Intermediate grade. Very good condition. Free to good home. Bill Neuman 503.645.6547 4/19

FOR SALE: ► Ski Pants These Sporthill brand pants are too large for me. Worn twice. sporthill.com/womens-xc-pant \$75 or OBO Laurel 503.415.1922 (If texting, please preface with "ONC-PDX")

FOR SALE: ► 1998 Subaru Legacy Outback AWD and automatic transmission, excellently maintained car with records available, single owner, 167,144 miles, new engine at 96,798 miles, clean, no rust, no dents; accident free. New front and back brakes incl. rotors installed in 2018 and new starter installed in 2017. New studded tires in 2017 installed on Subaru wheels with less than 2,000 miles wear. New all season tires in 2017 with less than 2,000 miles wear. ABS hydraulic unit replaced in 2017. Yakima Rocket Box with Yakima rack including attachments for canoe and bike. Runs great and very dependable. \$3,900 Kurt 503.544.9100 phone/text

FOR SALE: ► 2007 Subaru Outback Almost 200,000 gentle miles, but meticulously maintained (service records available).

This car has transported many of you on ski trips I have led! \$3,900, obo. Ted tedskier@gmail.com 503.452.7432 3/19

FOR SALE: ► Skis Silent Spider backcountry, 189 cm, with NNN BC bindings. These skis are too short for me (or rather I am too heavy for them!). Great for climbing and backcountry skiing. \$110, obo. Ted tedskier@gmail.com 503.452.7432 3/19

FOR SALE: ► Skis Rossignol backcountry, waxless (190 cm - Evo Trail Positrac) with heavy-duty Voile 3-pin bindings. I used these only once. \$50. Clayton claytonhaw@gmail.com 3/19

WANTED: ► 3-pin waxless ski like the Catamount. I am short and need 182's or shorter. Claudia claudia.montange@gmail.com 2/19

FOR SALE: ► Skis Backcountry Karhu Catamount 190 cm waxless, 3-pin Voile cable bindings good condition. \$50. ► Skins Pamoca Climbing skins older but barely used, like new condition \$50. David dkb123@outlook.com 2/19

WANTED: ► Used ski equipment for a beginner. Women's waxless XC skis, boots and poles? 5'8" tall, 170 lbs, sz. 10 shoe. Sharon (text only) 818.642.8200 violaeng@gmail.com. 2/19

FOR SALE: ► Snow tires. 4 mounted studless Observe mud/snow tires 205/55R-16 Les Schwab will install and remover for free every season. Used minimally 2 seasons. \$750 Shemaya shemaya_toyou@yahoo.com 2/19

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Circummountaineering of Mt. Baker

This ski tour explores one of the larger West Coast mountains—Mt. Baker, in the Northern Cascades. We spent two days on the twenty-five mile circumnavigation experiencing spectacular vistas from all sides of Mt. Baker. The group gained a total of 7,800 feet, crossed nine glaciers, and had one near-fatal crevasse fall.



**Lucky Labrador
Brewing Company**
1945 NW Quimby St.
Tuesday, February 5
6:30 p.m. Social Hour
7:30 p.m. Circummountaineering
of Mt. Baker
Food/Beverages available \$

Door prize: Pick up a ticket at the meeting for the drawing—you must be present to win.

- Upcoming programs**
- March 5—National Parks of SW Utah
- April 2—The Magic of Madagascar
- May 7—"Ever Wild: A Lifetime on Mount Adams" Darryl Lloyd

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